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REMINDER TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS

SAFERGEMS AND POLICE NATIONALLY HAVE NOTED A RISE IN CRIMES OF HIGH VALUE THEFTS TARGETING TRAVELLING SALES REPRESENTATIVES AND TRADERS ACROSS THE UK.

Nationally Police and SaferGems have noted distraction thefts, snatches, theft from motor vehicles, robberies and sophisticated tracking devices being placed on vehicles. SaferGems has recorded 21 incidents across England & Scotland in the past year whereby traders or reps have been targeted. Most crimes appear to be highly co-ordinated, organised, well-practiced and some have involved up to seven suspects.

THEREFORE AND PRIOR TO THE FORTHCOMING 2024 TRADE SHOW SEASON, MEMBERS ARE REMINDED AND REQUESTED TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (EVEN IF IT'S NOT CRIME RELATED) TO SAFERGEMS.

IF YOU FEEL UNDER IMMEDIATE THREAT OR BELIEVE SOMEONE IS FOLLOWING YOU, PLEASE DIAL 999 OR DRIVE TO THE NEAREST KNOWN POLICE STATION.

THE SAFERGEMS TEAM ARE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR CALLS AND EMAILS MONDAY TO FRIDAY BETWEEN 8.30AM AND 5PM VIA TELEPHONE 01905 342051 OR EMAIL ADDRESS INTEL@SAFERGEMS.ORG.UK.

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE/GUIDANCE

- Dashcams are recommended to be installed in your personal vehicles, they gather evidence of any unusual or criminal activity around your vehicle or may capture images of suspects committing an offence.
- The installation of a safe or cage within your vehicle is highly recommended, this will provide greater protection to your goods and make removing the property from your vehicle far more difficult.
 - Consider using a Rental Car when travelling to Trade Events
- Work in pairs to reduce the distraction threat. Do not engage with persons you don't know or not sure about.
 - If you are travelling by train always ensure you have your stock close by and in full sight.

DO NOT LEAVE IT UNATTENDED!!

 - Be extra vigilant, even days and weeks, before and after attending trade events.
 - Do not advertise your movements on social media.
 - Review the security of your stock and ensure it is kept as safe as possible.
 - Always let somebody know your location, destination, and your ETA.
 - Keep your mobile charged.
 - If you become suspicious that someone is monitoring you, please contact the Police.
 - Be mindful of who may be following you either on foot or in a vehicle at discreet distances and aware of any approach to try and distract you.
 - Always check your immediate surroundings before getting in/out of your vehicle.
 - **FURTHER SECURITY ADVICE/GUIDANCE CAN BE FOUND VIA <https://www.securedbydesign.com/>**

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